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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C.
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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 mailed December 21, 2006 (copy enclosed), enclosed is a Declaration duly executed by the inventors. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required surcharge as set for in 37 CFR 1.16(f) of \$130.00 for large entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27 to Deposit Account No. 503570 in connection with the above-referenced patent application. **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

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